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Dear Josh:

I am working on comparing the present international system with previous ones since the Renaissance. I'm looking at the ingredients of systems and how and why they change. I don't want to limit myself to my field, i.e. political science/history, so I am searching for how disciplines across the board — economics, anthropology, international relations, history, political science, psychology, science, etc. — think about systems.

I thought you might have some useful suggestions of significant works in your field for an annotated bibliography I am putting together. Also, you may be able to recommend other people whom I should contact. I would appreciate a letter or a conversation or whatever would be convenient for you.

Thank you in advance,

All best,



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